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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Houston

5 September 1956

SUBJECT : Re Your Memo for SSA/DDS on the Subject, "Agency Relief in Personal Hardship Cases"

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1. I discussed this memorandum with [REDACTED] At first he felt that in view of your former opinions on this subject there was probably nothing which could be done. On the other hand, if you feel that it is possible to employ unvouchered funds to take care of such personal hardship cases, we regard this as desirable.

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2. [REDACTED] agrees with me that to restrict the payment to those cases where people are on unvouchered funds would be unjustified discrimination and an invitation to trouble. I think he feels that the best possible solution is to take the issue up with the Comptroller General even though the Comptroller General would not, in fact, audit the unvouchered funds cases. It appears to me that if unvouchered funds are going to be used for such cases, the arguments must be there and that we might just as well marshal them now and if it seems required discuss them with the Comptroller General prior to, rather than after, such specific use. Is this feasible? If so, can I help you in marshalling the arguments?

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